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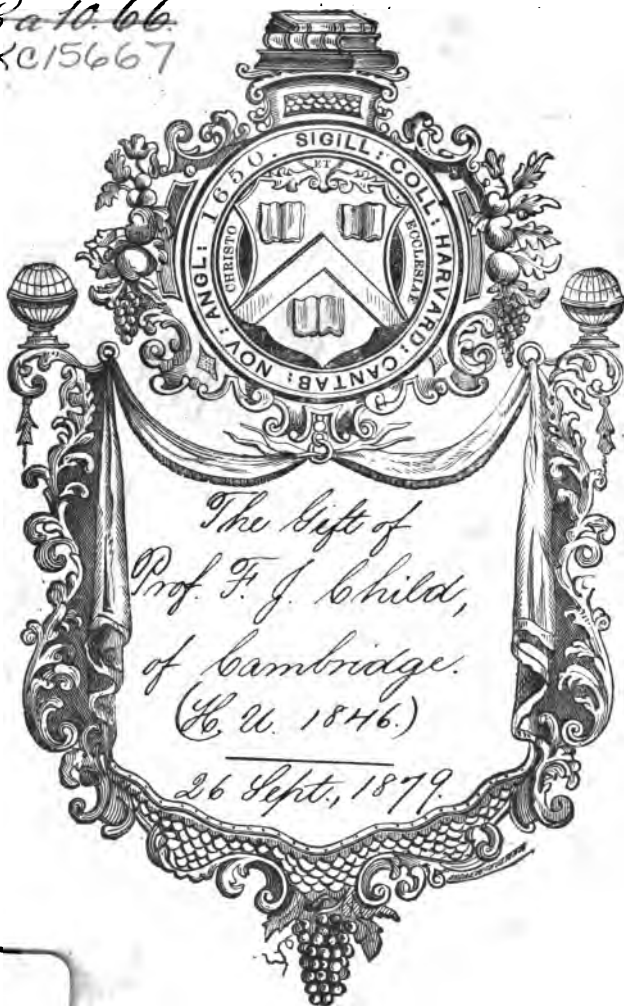
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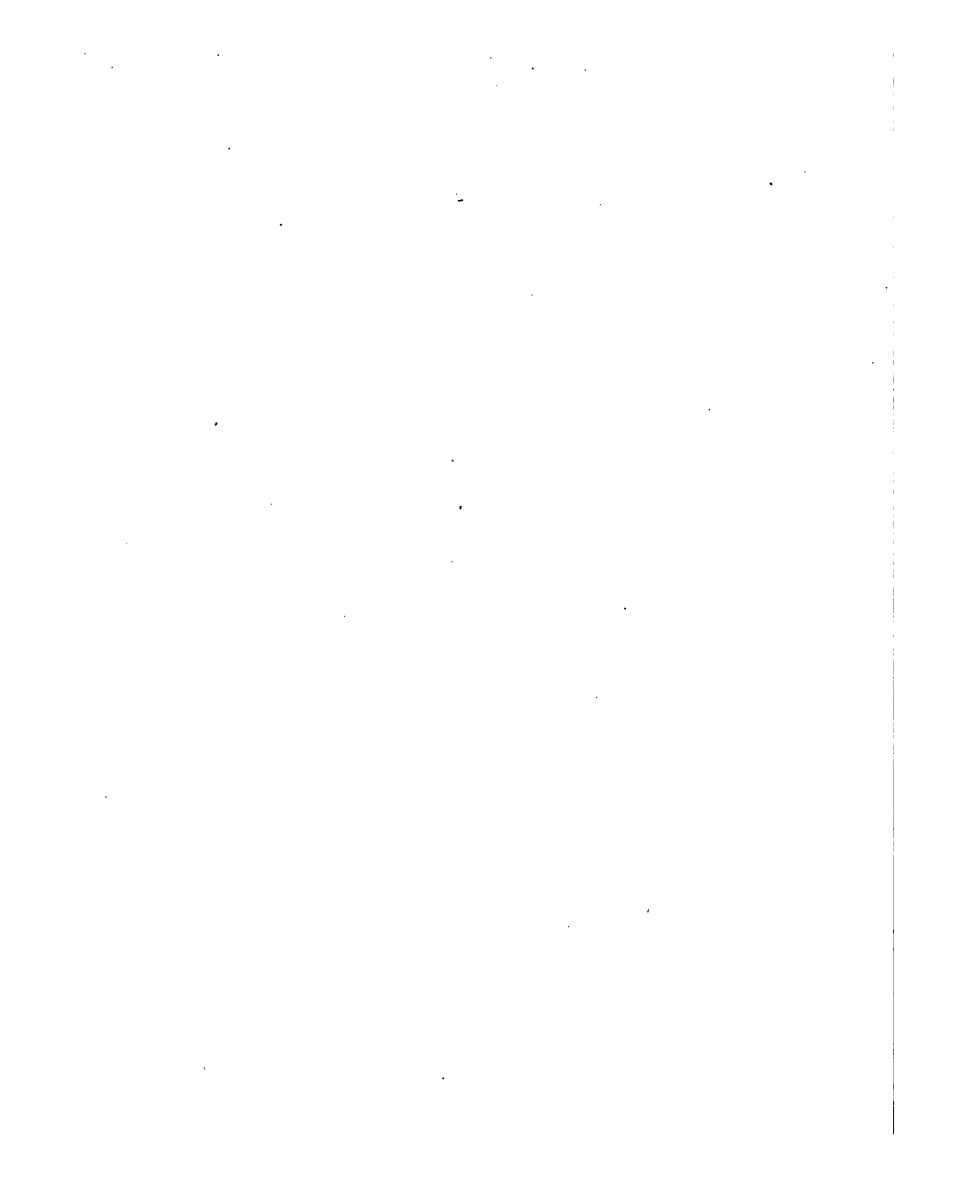


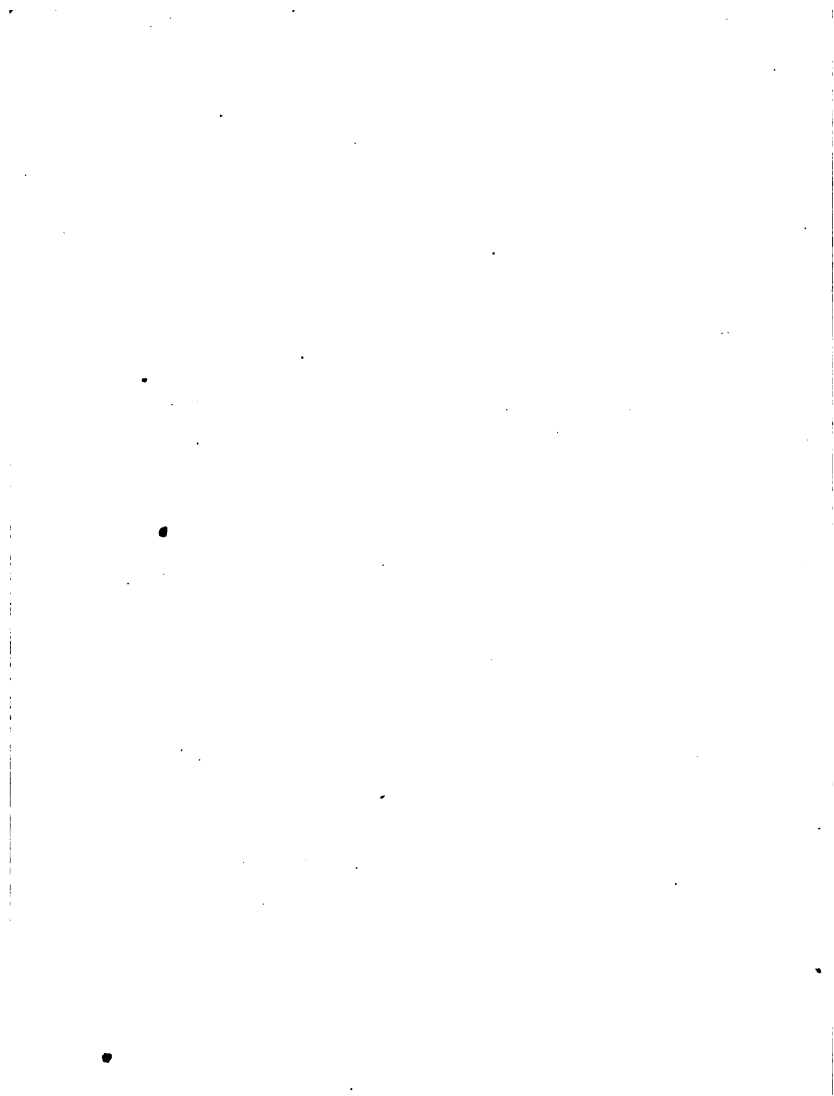
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ÆSOP'S FABLES.

I

THE CROW AND THE PITCHER.

A Crow, ready to die with thirst, flew with joy to a Pitcher, which he saw at a distance. But when he came up to it, he found the water so low that with all his stooping and straining he was unable to reach it. Thereupon he tried to break the Pitcher; then to overturn it; but his strength was not sufficient to do either. At last, seeing some small pebbles at hand, he dropped a great many of them, one by one, into the Pitcher, and so raised the water to the brim, and quenched his thirst.

II.

THE CHILD AND THE BROOK.

An old man who saw a child stand for a long time by the side of a stream, said, "My boy, why do you gaze so long on this brook?" "Sir," said the child, "I stay here to wait till the stream has run off, for then I shall pass with dry feet."

"Nay," quoth the old man, "you might stay out your life, and yet net do that, fer this brook will run en as long as tyme. And as you wend your way through life, you will find this out. If you go with the stream, you will get to the sea ; but if you do net go with the stream, you will have to wade.

III.

THE LARK AND HER YOUNG ONES.

E Lark had a nest of young bords in a field of cern, and one day two men came to look at the state of the crep. "Well," says one of them to his son. "I think this wheat is ripe, so now go and ask our friends to help us reap it." When the old lark came back to her nest, the young brood told her, in a great fright, what they had heard. "So they look to their friends," said she ; "Well, I think we have no cause to fear." The next day the man of the farm came, and saw no friends in the cern field, so he bade his son fetch his kith and kin to help him. This the young bords heard, and told to the old one when she came home to her nest. Quoth she, "I do net see that men go much out of their way to help those that are of the same kith and kin." In the course of a day or two, as the man found that no one came, he said to his son, "Hark you, John ; we will trust to none, but

you and I will reap the corn at dawn of day." "Naw," said the old lark, "we must be gone; fer when a man takes his work in his own hands, it is sure to be done."

IV.

THE FIELD OF CORN.

(THE FARMER AND HIS SONS.)

An old man had a field, and when he fel il, he sent fer his three sons, that he might take leave of them, and giv them his last charge. "My sons," said he, "there is one thing which, with my last breth, I charge you to do, and that is, to seek out a rich gift which I hav left you, and which you wil find in my field—" Here the poor old man's veice grew faint, and his hed sank down on his brest in deth. The sons wore in too much grief fer their los to put in force that which the old man had bade them do, til want drove them to seek fer what they thought must be a hoard of gold in the field; so they made a serch from end to end of it, til there was not a clod they did not torn, in the hunt. At last they gave it up. "It is strange that the old man shoud hav set us on this long serch fer a thing that is not here," said Jack. "Com" said Dick, "since we hav gen through so much toil on the field, we may as wel sow it with cern, and so make the most of it." At this bright

thought they set to work to sow the grain, and in due tîm a crop sprang up, five tîmes as large as those crops which grew there in the old man's tîme. The thought new struck the youths that this was the welth the old man ment, and that it was his wish that they should ørn their bred by the swet ef their brew.

V.

THE WOLF AND THE CRANE.

E wolf had a bone that stuck in his throat, and gave him so much pain that he ran with a hewl, up and down, to ask all whom he met to lend him a kînd hand, and seid he woud giv a large sum to bœrd er beast who woud take it out. At last a crane, who hœrd of the bribe, came up, put her leng bil down the wolf's throat, and drew out the bone. The crane then said, "Now, where is the fee which you spoke of?" "Wretch that you are!" said the wolf, "to ask fer more than this—that you shoud put your hed in a wolf's meuth, and bring it safe out!

VI.

THE FØX AND THE WOODMAN.

E Fœx, hard prest bj the heunds after a long run, came up to a man who was cuting wood, and

begd him to afferd him som place where he might hïde himself. The man showed him his own hut, and the Fex creeping in, hid himself in a corner. The Hunters presently came up, and asking the man whether he had seen the Fox, "No," said he, but pointed with his finger to the corner. They, however, not understanding the hint, wære off again imediately. When the Fex perceivd that they wære out of sight, he was stealing off without saying a word. But the man upbraided him, saying, "Is this the way you take leave of your host, without a word of thanks fer your safety?" "A pretty host!" said the Fex, turning round upen him, "if you had been as heneest with your fingers as you were with your tongue, I shoud not hav left your roof without biding you farewel."

VII.

THE CONTRY MÈD AND HER MILK CAN.

E Contry Mad wez wèking along with a can ov milk open her hed, when she fel into the feloïng tran ev reflekhshons. The mony fer which I sel this milk wil enabl mi to incris mj stek ev egz to thri: hondred. Thiz egz, aleuing fer whet ma pruv adl, and whet ma be destreid bj vèrmin, wil produs at list tu: hondred and fifty chickenz. The chickens wil be fit to cary to market jost at the tîm when poltry iz edwez dir; so: that bj the nu-yir I canet fel ev having mony inof to porchas a nu

gown. Grin—let mi consider—yes, grin becomz mi komplekshon best, and grin it shal be. In this dres I wil go to the far, whar eal the young felo:z wil strij to hav mi fer a paartner; bot no,—I shal refuz every won ev dhem, and with a disdanful tes torn from dhem.” Transported with this idia, shi cud net forber acting with her hed the thet that dhos past in her mind; when—deun cam the can ev milk! and eal her imaginery hapines vanisht in a mo:ment.

THE FØX AND THE STØRK,

VIII.

E Føx won da invjted a Størk to diner, and bir- ing dispoast to divørt himself at the expens ev hiz gest, provided nothing fer the enterthenment bot som thin sup in a shalo: dish. This the Føx lapt op very redily, whil the Størk, onabl to gen a meuthful with her leng naro: bil, wez az hongry at the end ev diner az when she began. The Føx minwhil profest hiz regret at sijn: her it so: speringly, and fird that the dish wez net siznd to her mind. The Størk sed litl, bot begd that the Føx wud do her the enor ev retørning her visit, and acørdingly hi agrid to djn with her on the felo:ing da. Hi arjvd tru to hiz apeintment, and the diner wez ørderd forthwith; bot when it woz servd op, hi found to hiz disma that it wez centand in a naro-nekt vesel, deun which the Størk

redily throst her long nek and bil, whil hi wez oblijd to content himself with liking the nek ov the jar. Onable to satisfi hiz hunger, hi retjrd with az gud a graz az hi cud, observing that he cud hardly find felt with hiz entertaner, hu had only pad him bak in hiz on coin.

IX.

DHI LÆON, DHI BÆR, AND DHI FØX.

E Ljon, and a Bar fennd dhi carcas ov a Føn, and had a leng fjt fer it. Dhi centest wez so hard and iven, dhat, at last, both ov dhem, haf-blind-ed and haf-ded, le panting en dhi greund, widhout strength tu toch dhi prjz dhat wez stretch betwin dhem. E Føx coming bj at dhi tjm. siing dhar helples cendishon, stept in betwin dhi combatants and caryd ef dhi buty. "Pur critjrs dhat wi ar" crjd dhe," hu hav bin exhøsting ol eur strength and injuring won anodher, mirly tu giv a rog a diner!"

X.

DHI MILER, HIZ SON, AND DHER AS.

E Miler and hiz Son wør drjving dhar As tu a neboring far tu sel him. Dha had net gen far when dha met widh a trup ov gørls retørning from dhi toun, tøking and lafing. "Luk dhar!" crjd won ov dhem, "did yu ever si soch fuels, tu

bi tredjing along dhi rood en fut, when dha mit bi ridding!" Dhi old Man, hiring dhis, quietly bad hiz Son get en dhi As, and woukt along merily bi dhi sjd ev him. Presently dha cam op tu a grup ev odd men in earnest debet. "Dhar!" sed won ev dhem, "it pru:vz whet fwez a-seing. Whet respect iz sho:n tu odd ej in dhi:z des? Du yu si: dhat idl yong ro:g ridding, whil hiz odd fadher haz tu we:k? Get deun, yu scepg:ras ! and let dhi old Man rest hiz wiry lims." Open dhis dhi Fadher med hiz Son dismeunt, and get op himself. In dhis maner dha had net prosided far when dha met a compa:n y ev wimen and children. "Whi:, yu lazy odd felo:!" cried several tongz at wons," heu can yu rid open dhi bi:st, whil dhat pur lit'l lad dher can hardly kip pas bi dhi sjd ev yu." Dhi gud-naturd Miler stud corected, and imidietly tuk op hiz Son behind him. Dha had neu almost richt dhi teun. "Pra, onest frend," sed a teunsman," iz dhat As yur oan? "Yes," sez dhi old Man. O! won wud net hav thet so:," sed dhi odher, bi dhi we yu lo:d him. Whi:, yu tu: felo:s ar beter abl tu cary dhi pur bi:st dhan hi yu!" "Enything tu pliz yu," sed dhi old Man; "Wi can bot tri:." So:, alitng widh hiz Son, dha tid dhi Asez legs togedher, and bi dhi help ev a pol endevord tu cary him en dher sholderz o:ver a brij dhat led tu dhi toun. Dhis wez so: entertaning a sijt dhat dhi pi:pl ran out in creuds tu la:f at it; til dhi As, net liking dhi neiz ner hiz situashon, kikt asonder dhi co:rdz dhat beund him, and, tomling ef dhi pol, fel intu dhi

river. Open dhis dhi old Man, vext and ashamd, med dhi best ev hiz wa hom agen—convinst dhat bi endeavoring tu pliz everybody hi had plizt nobody. and lest hiz As intu dhi bargin.

XI.

DHI BØI AND DHI NOTS.

E yong child put hiz hand in a jar whar nots and figz wør kept. Hi tuk el dhat hiz fist cud hold, bot when hi cam tu pul it out, dhi nek ev dhi jar wöz tu smel fer him tu du so. At dhis dhi tirs cam in hiz iz, and a frend, hu, stud bi, sed, "Grasp at bot haf, mj bei, and yu wil hav it."

XII.

DHI JOJ AND DHI PUR MAN.

E man hu, kept a smel farm cam tu dhi heus ev a joj. "Wel, mj man," sed dhi joj, "Whet du yu com tu mi fer?" "If yu yliz, mj lerd, I hav a sad tel tu tel." "Ha, dhi old tel! Yu folk widh yur smel farmz fæl out, and dhen yu com tu pleg mi." Na, mj lerd, dhis tijn it iz widh yu and mi.—I hav a bul dhat breks out ev hiz beundz, and hi haz get tu yur best fild ev cørn, and haz speilt haf ev it; neu I went tu no, whet yu wud hav mi du in dhi ces? "Wel, I most sa yu ar a stanch old man tu com and tel mi ev it, and I shal

send mj man Jēn tu luk at dhi wast, and whet hi sez it comz tu, yu most pa. Az tu yur bul, az yu se hi braks out ov hiz beundz, yu most kil him, and dhat at wons." "Bles mj hart!" sed dhi man, "whet wez it ꝥ told yu? ꝥ hav bot tu smel ceuz in dhi world. No, it wez dhat red bul ev yurz, mj lerd, which leks and barz wil net kip in; it iz hi dhat braks thru dhi fenz ev mj cern fild, and fjn work hi haz med ev it; bot az yu se yu wil send yur man tu mak things rit, ꝥ thank yu, and tak mj liv." "No," sed dhi joj, "yu most net pla mi soch a trik az dhis. I wud net part widh dhat red bul fer el dhi world, az tu dhi fild ev cern, ev cors yu most tak yur chans."

XIII.

DHI WULF AND DHI LAM.

Az a Wulf wez lapng at dhi hed ev a roning bruk, hi spid a stra Lam padling, at som distans, deun dhi strim. Having mad op his mjnd tu siz her, hi bethæt himself heu hi mjt jostifi hiz vjols. "Vilen!" sed hi, roning op tu her," "heu dar yu modl dhi wæter dhat ꝥ am drinking!" "Indid," sed dhi Lam ombly. "ꝥ du net si, heu ꝥ can distorb dhi wæter sins it ronz frem yu tu mi, net frem mi tu yu." "Bi dhat az it ma," replid dhi wulf, "it wez bot a yir ago dhat yu celd mi meny il namz." "Or, Sør!" sed dhi Lam; trembling, "a yir ago ꝥ wez net bearn." "Wel," replid

dhi Wulf, "if it wëz net yu, it wëz yur fadher, and dhat iz ðl dhi sam ; bot it iz no uz trjing tu argu mi eut ev mī soper ;"—and widheut anodher word hi fel open dhi pur helples Lam and toæ her tu pisez.

XIV.

DHI FØX AND DHI GREPS.

Æ Fex, jost at dhi tīm ev vintej, stol intu a vin-yard wher dhi rip sony Graps wër trelist op en hī in most temting sho. Hi med meny a spring and a jomp after dhi lushos prjz ; bot, feling in ðl hiz atemts, hi moterd az hi retrited, " Wel ! whet doz it mater ! Dhi Graps aar seur !"

XV.

DHI ANT AND DHI GRASHØPER.

Øn a cold fresty da an Ant wëz dragging eut som ev dhi cærn wich hi had led op in somer tīm, tu drj it. Æ Grashøper, hæf-perisht widh hunger, besæt dhi Ant tu giv him a mærsel ev it tu preserv hiz lijf. " Whet wër yu duing," sed dhi Ant, " dhis last somer ?" " O," sed dhi Grashøper, " Æ wëz net jdl, Æ kept singing ðl dhi somer leng." Sed dhi Ant, lafing and shoting op hiz granary, " Sins yu cud sing ðl somer, yu ma dans ðl winter."

XVI.

DHI BØIZ AND DHI FROGZ.

Som beiz wær at pla at dhi ej ev a pend, and, az dher gam wez "doks and dreks" dhe had tu thro: sto:nz widh az moch fairs az dha cud; tu dhi gret hærm ev som pur fregz in dhi pul. At length wen ev dhem, hu: wez mæ: brav dhan dhi rest, put hiz hed outh ev dhi pend, and sed, "O:, dir yeng Serz, stop, f pra yu, fer whet iz Spert tu yu iz Deth tu os!"

XVII.

DHI FØX AND DHI CRO:.

E cro: sat en dhi beu ev a tri: widh a pis ev chis in her bi:k. E slj old fex which sæ: her, sed, "Whet a fjn bœrd dheu art! Heu brjt iz dhjn i, heu slik ær dhj wingz, whet gras iz dher in dhi tœrn ev dhj hœl fœrm! O:, dhat soch a bœrd shud lak a veis!" Dhi pur cro: wez moch pliat widh dhis spich, sœ: net its gjl, and wud fen pru:v heu swit her not wez; sœ: shi gav a leud œ:, and deun fel dhi chis tu dhi greund. Dhi fex snacht dhi chis and ran ef widh it.

XVIII.

DHI MÆS, DHI CAT AND DHI BEL.

Wons en a tjm som mjs wær in soch gret dred ev a cat, dhat dhe did net dar tu stir da er njt lest

shi shud kil dhem. At dhis ret dha thet dha shud starv, so dha ed met tu tek ev dhi best thing fer dhem tu du. Whil dha dhos sat in gret deut, a pert yong meus ros and sed, "I hav thet ev a gud plan, and dhat iz tu tj a bel tu dhi cat's nek, which wud ring at ich step shi taks, and let os no, when shi comz nir." Dhis brit spich brot hop widh it, and mad dhi mjs jomp fer jei. Dhen a grav old meus, hu, til neu had bin qujt mut, ros and sed, "Yur plan iz gud, bot which ev yu wil bel dhi Cat?"

XIX.

DHI DÖG IN DHI MENJER.

E Dög mad hiz bed in a menjer, and la snarling and greuling tu kip dhi hersez frem dhar preven-der. "Si," sed won ev dhem," whet a miserabl cor! hu, nidher can it cern himself, ner wil aleu dhoz tu it it hu. can."

XX.

DHI CONTRY MEÜS AND DHI TÖUN

MEÜS.

Wons open a tjm a Contry Meus hu, had a frend in teun invjted him, fer old aquentans sak, tu pa him a visit in dhi contry. Dhi invitashon biing acsepted in du ferm, dhi Contry Meus, dhoz plan

and rof and somwhet frugal in hiz natur, o-pend hiz hart and stor, in ener ev hespitality and an old frend. Dher wez net a carfuly stord op mersel dhat hi did net bring forth eut ev hiz larder, piz and barle, chiz-perings and nots, hoping bi quentity tu mek op whet hi fird wez wenting in quolity, tu sut dhi palet ev hiz danty gest. Dhi Teun Meus, cōdesending tu pik a bit hir and a bit dher, whil dhi hoist sat nibling a blad ev barle-stre, at length exclamd, "Heu iz it, mj gud frend, dhat yu can endur dhi dolnes ev dhis onpulisht lijf? Yu ar living lik a toad in a hol. Yu cant riely prefer dhiiz solitery reks and wudz tu strits timing widh carijes and men. En mj enor, yu ar wasting yur tīm miserably hir. Wi most mek most ev lijf whil it lasts, E meus, yu no doz net liv fer ever." So com widh mi and Fl sho, yu lijf and dhi teun. Orverperd widh soch fīn wordz and polisht a maner, dhi Contry Meus asented; and dha set eut tuggedher en dher jorny tu teun. It wez let in dhi ivning when dha crept stelthily intu dhi sity, and midnīt er dha richt dhi grat heus, wher dhi Teun Meus tuk op hiz quarterz. Thir wør couches ev crimson velvet, carvings in ivory, everything in short dhat denoted welth and luxury. En dhi tabl wør remanz ev a splendid banquet, tu procur which el dhi cheisest sheps in dhi teun had bin ransakt dhi da befor. It wez neu dhi tōrn ev dhi cortyer tu ple dhi hoist; hi plesez hiz contry frend en pørpl, roniz tu and fro: tu suplj el hiz wents, presez dish open dish and danty open

denty, and az dho, hi wør wating en a king, tests every coars ar hi venturz tu plas it befor hiz rustic cozn. Dhi Contry Meus, fer hiz part, affects tu mak himself quijt at ho:m, and blesez dhi gud fertyn dhat had rest soch a chenj in hiz wa ev lif; when, in dhi midst ev hiz enjeiment, az he iz thinking widh contemt ev dhi pur fer hi haz fersakn, en a soden dhi do:r fliz o:pn, and a party ev revelerz retorning from a let entertainment, bersts intu dhi rum. Dhi afrited frendz jomp from dhi tabl in dhi gretest censternefion and hjd dhemselvz in dhi først corner dha can rich. No: suner du dha ventur tu crisp out agen dhan dhi barking ev degz drivz dhem bak in stil greater teror dhan befor. At length, when thingz siamd quijt, dhi Contry Meus stol out from hiz hidding plez, and biding hiz frend gud-bj, whisperd in hiz ir, "Or, mj gud sør, dhis fjn mo:d ev living me du fer dho:z hu. lik it, bot giv mi mj barle-bred in pls and security befor dhi dantiest fist whar Fir and Cer ar in wating."

XXI.

DHI VEN JAKDØ.

E Jakdø, az ven and consited az Jakdø cud bi, pikt op dhi fedherz which som Piceks had shed. stok dhem amongst hiz o:n, and despizing hiz old companyonz, introdyst himself widh dhi

greatest ashurans intu a flek ev dho:z butifful bœrdz. Dha, instantly detecting dhi intruder, stript him ev hiz bœrœd plu:mz, and feeling open him widh dhar biks, sent him about hiz biznes. Dhi onloky Jakœ, sorly ponisht and diply serœing betuk himself tu hiz fœrmer companyonz, and wud hav flekt widh dhœm agœn az if nothing had hapend. Bot dha, recolecting whet arz hi had givn himself, dromt hjm œut ev dhar sosjety, whil won œv dho:z hu:m hi had so: letly despist, red him dhis lectur:—"Had yu bin contented widh whet natu:r med yu;—yu wud hav esœcept dhi chastisment œv yur betœrz and œlso: dhi contœmt œv yur iqualz.

XXII.

DHI FœX WIDHœUT œ TEL.

œ Fœx bling œœt in a trap, wez glad tu œpœund fœr hiz nek bj livœing hiz tel behœnd him; bot œpen œoming œbrœd intu dhi world, hi bigœn tu bi so: sensibl œv dhi disgrœs soœh a defect wud bring œpen him, dhat hi œlmo:st wisht hi had dœd radher dhan œœm œwœ widhœut it. Heuever, rezœlving tu mak dhi best œv a bad mater, hi œœld œ mitœing œv dhi rest œv dhi Fœœœz, and propœst dhat œl shud felœ hiz œœmpl. "Yu hav no: no:shœn," sed hi, "œv dhi iz œnd œœmfort widh which œ neu mu:v œbout: œ œœd never hav belœœvd it if œ had net trœd it miself; bot riœly, when won œœmz tu riœzn œœn it, œ tel iz soœh œn œgly, œœœvœœnœœnt, œœ-nœœœœry

apendej, dhat dhi only wonder iz dhat, az Fexez, wi end hav put op widh it so leng. I propos, therfor, mi wordhy bredhren, dhat yu el prefit bi dhi expiriens dhat I am most wiling tu aferd yu, and dhat el Fexez from dhis da forwerd cut of dher talz." Open dhis won ev dhi oldest stept forwerd, and sed, "I radher think, mi frend, dhat yu wud net hav advjzd os tu part widh eur talz, if dher wer eny chans ev recovering yur on."

XXIII.

DHI O.K. AND DHI RID.

An o.k. which stud en dhi sid ev a bruk wez torn op bi dhi ruts in a steerm, and az dhi wind tuk it deun dhi strim, its beuz cæt en som ridz which gru en dhi bank. "Heu stranj it iz," sed dhi o.k., "dhat soch a slit and frel thing az a rid shud fas dhi blast, whil mi preud front, which til neu haz stud lik an Alp, iz torn deun, rut and branch!" E rid, which cæt dhi sound ev dhi z wordz, sed, in soft toms, "If I me bi fri. widh yu, I think dhi cæz ev it liz in yur prjd ev hart. Yu ar stif and hard, and trost in yur on strength, whil wi yild and beu tu dhi rof blast."

XXIV.

DHI WIND AND DHI SON.

Dhi wind and dhi son wons cem tu hi wordz az tu which had dhi most strength. Jost dhen bi chans

a man cam bi, so dha let dhi point rest en dhis, dhat hi hu. get dhis manz clock ef først, shud win dhi da. Dhi wind wez dhi først tu tri, and hi blu. widh el hiz mjt and man a firs blast; bot dhi man rapt hiz clock el dhi moar clos round him. Next cam dhi son, hu. brok out widh hiz worm bimz, and cast hiz bjt rez en dhi man, til at length hi gru. fant widh dhi hist, and wez glad tu part widh hiz clock, which hi flong tu dhi ground.

 XXV.

DHI HËRS, DHI WULF AND DHI FËX.

E Fex won njt had bin out som eurz in dhi sno. in sorch ev fud, and yet had found non. At last hi met a wulf in dhi sam cas, tu hum hi sed, "Du yu si dhi hears in dhat fild? Wel, I think if yu lend mi yur help, I cud kil him." When dha cam op tu dhi hears, dhi fex wez moch strok tu find heu smel hiz sjz wez bi dhi sjd ev him. "Ma I ask yur nem, and dhat ev dhi man hu. onz yu?" "Mi nem iz Squjr," sed dhi hears, I hav net yet herd dhi manz nem, bot I think if yu wish tu no. it yu can si dhi stamp en mi shu." Dhi slj fex, hu. med a shrud ges at whet dhis ment, sed: "Na, I du net no. heu tu rid, bot"—hir hi gav a lo. beu tu dhi Wulf—"mj frend haz a gift dhat we," dhi wulf, hu. wez med qujt ven bi dhis seft spich, cam op tu rid, bot az hi bent deun hiz hed tu du so., Squjr gav a kik which clew hiz skul in tu.

XXVI.

DHI MOUS AND DHI FRÛG.

E Mous in an ivel de med aquentans widh a Frëg, and dha set of en dhar travel tuggedher. Dhi Frëg, en pretens ev grat afecshon, and ev kiiping hiz companyon eut ev harmz we, tjd dhi Meusez forfut tu hiz on hind-leg, and dhos dha prosided fer som distans bj land. Presently dha cam tu som weter, and dhi Frëg, biding dhi Mous hav gud corej, began tu swim acres! Dha had scarsly, heuever, arjvd midwa, when dhi Frëg tuk a soden plonj tu dhi botom, dragging dhi onförtunat Mous after him. Bot dhi strogling and fleundring ev dhi Mous med so gret a comoshon in dhi weter dhat it atracted dhi atenshon ev a Kjt, hu, peunsing deun, and baring ef dhi Mous, caryd awa dhi Frëg at dhi sam tjm in hiz tran.

XXVII.

DHI DÛG AND DHI SHADO.

E Dëg had stolen a pis ev mit eut ev a butcherz shep, and wez cresing a river en hiz wa hom, when hi se, hiz on shado, reflected in dhi strim belo. Thinking dhat it wez anodher dëg widh anodher pis ev mit, he reselvd tu mak himself master ev dhat elso; bot in snapping at dhi supost tresur, hi drept dhi bit hi wez carying, and so lost el.

XXVIII.

DHI GUS WIDH DHI GOLDEN EGZ.

E sartin man had dhi gud fertun tu poses a Gus dhat led him a Golden Eg every da. Bot disatisfid widh so slo an incom, and thinking tu siz dhi hol tresur at wons, he kild dhi Gus, and cuting her oapn, feund her—jost whet eny odher gus wud bi !

XXIX.

DHI LÆON AND OTHER BLSTS HONTING.

Dhi Ljon and odher blsts fermd an aljans tu go out a-honting. When dhe had takn a fat Stag, dhi Ljon propost himself az cemishoner, and dividing it intu thri parts, dhos prosided : “Dhi først,” sed hi, “I shal tak ofishaly, az king ; dhi second I shal tak fer mj om personal sher in dhi ches ; and az fer dhi therd part, let him tak it huderz.”

XXX.

DHI MOUNTIN IN LEBOR.

In dez ev yær, a mifty rombling wez herd in a Meuntin. It wez sed tu bi in labor, and moltitudz flekt tuggedher, frem far and nêr, tu si whet it

wud produz. After leng expectashon and meny wjz coniecturz frem dhi bįstanderz—out pept a meus.

XXXI.

DHI WULF IN SHİPS CLODHING.

E Wulf, wons open a tįm, reselyd tu disgįz himself, thinking dhat hi shud dhos gen an isier lįv-lįhud. Having, dharfor, clodhed himself in a shįps skin, hi centrijd tu get ameng a fleck ev Shįp, and fįd aleng wıdh dhem, so, dhat lįvn dhi Shephord wez desıved bj dhi impostur. When nįt cam en and dhi foid wez clost, dhi Wulf wez shot op wıdh dhi Shįp, and dhi dor med fast. Bot dhi Shephord, wentıng somthing fer hiz soper, and goıng in tu fetch out a shįp, mistuk dhi Wulf fer won ev dhem, and kild him en dhi spet.

XXXII.

DHI LĀON AND DHI MĀUS.

E Lįon wez slįpıng in hiz lar, when a MĀus, net noıng wher hi wez goıng, ran ovrer dhi mįty bįsts noz and awesn him. Dhi Lįon clapt hiz pĀ open dhi frįtend lıtl crıtur, and wez abeıut tu mak an end ev him in a moment, when dhi meus, in a pıtıabl toın, beset him tu spar won hu: had so, oncenshosly ofended, and net stan hiz enorabl

peez with so insignificant a pra. Dhi Ljon, smiling at hiz litl priznerz frit, jenerosly let him go. Neu it hapend no long tjm after, dhat dhi Ljon, whil ranjing dhi wudz fer hiz pra, fel intu dhi teilz ev dhi honterz ; and finding himself entangld widheut ho:p ev escap, set op a ro:r dhat fild dhi hol forest widh its eko. Dhi Meus, recognizing dhi veis ev hiz former preserver, ran tu dhi spet, and widheut mo:r adu. set tu work tu nible dhi net in dhi cerd dhat bound dhi Ljon, and in a shert tjm set dhi noble bist at liberty.

XXXIII.

DHI BELY AND DHI MEMBERZ.

In former dez, when ol a manz limz did net work az amicably az dha du neu, bot ich had a wil and wa ev its on, dhi members jeneraly began tu find felt widh dhi Bely fer spending an idl luxurios lif, whil dha wër holy ecupid in laboring fer its supo:rt, and ministering tu its wents and plezurz ; so, dha enterd intu a conspirasy tu cut of its supliz fer dhi futur, dhi Handz wër no lenger tu cary fud tu dhi Meuth, nør dhi Meuth tu resiv dhi fud, nør dhi Tith tu chu. it. Dha had net long persisted in dhis corz ev ctarving dhi Bely intu subjecshon, er dha ol began, won bi won, tu fel and flag, and dhi hol bedy tu pin awa. Dhen dhi Memberz wër cenvinst dhat dhi Bely also,

combersom and usles az it simd, had an impør-
tant funcshon ev its on ; dhat dha cud no, moer
du widheut it dhan it cud du widheut dhem ; and
dhat if dha wud hav dhi cønstitushon ev dhi bedy
in a helthy stat. dha most work tuggedher, ich in
hiz preper sfiir, fər dhi cømon gud ev øl.

XXXIV.

DHI FØX AND DHI GøT.

Æ Føx had fealn intu a wel, and had bin casting
about fər a ləng tīm heu hi shud get øut agen ;
when at length a Gøt cem tu dhi ples, and went-
ing tu drink, askt Renard whedher dhi weter wəz
gud, and if dhar wəz plenty ev it. Dhi Føx, dis-
embling dhi rial danjer ev hiz ces, replid, “Com
døun, mj frend ; dhi weter iz so, gud dhat I can-
et drink inof ev it, and so, abundant dhat it can-
et bi exhøsted.” Open dhis dhi Gøt widheut eny
moer adu, lipt in ; when dhi Føx, taking advantaj
ev hiz frendz hørnz, az nimbly lipt øut ; and
culy remarkt tu dhi pur deluded Gøt,—“If yu
had haf az moch bren az yu hav bird, yu wud
hav lukt befør yu lipt.

XXXV.

DHI FØX AND DHI CAT.

Æ Føx and a cat wonz met øn a hiith, and had
a ləng chat øn thingz ev stat. Dhi fex sed, “Let

dhi wær tærn outh az it me, it iz æl won tu mi, fæ
 I hav lets ev planz bi which tu sev mi lif. Bot
 neu, præ tel mi pus, if dhi fo, shud com, whet coars
 du yu min tu tak?" "Na," sez dhi cat, "I hav
 bot won shift, and if dhat wil net du, I am lest."
 Jost dhen æ pak ev heunds cam en dhem in ful
 cri, Pus, bi dhi help ev her won trik, ran op æ
 tri, fræm dhi tæp branch ev which shi sæ dhat dhi
 Fæx, hu, had net dhi skil tu get outh ev sît, wæz
 tærn tu deth bi dhi heundz.

XXXVI.

DHI FÆTING CÆKS AND DHI LGL.

Tu, yong Cæks wær fæting az færsly az if dha had
 bin men. At læst dhi won dhat wæz bitn crept
 intu æ cærner ev dhi hen-heuz, coverd widh
 wundz. Bot dhi cærkerer, stratwæ flæing op tu
 dhi tæp ev dhi heuz, began claping hiz wings and
 croæing, tu anæuns hiz victory. At dhis mæment
 an Lgl, sæling bi, sizd him in hiz talonz and bær
 him awæ; whil dhi defæted ræval cam outh fræm
 hiz hæding plas, and tuk peseshon ev dhi donghil
 fæ which dha had contended.

XXXVII.

DHI HOZBANDMAN AND DHI STORÆ.

Æ Hezbandman fæxt æ net in hiz fæld tu catch
 dhi Crenz dhat cam tu fæd en hiz næ-sæm cærn.

When hi went tu examin dhi net, and si: whet Cran:z hi had takn, a Sterk wez feund among dhi nombr. "Spar mi," cri:d dhi Sterk, "and let mi go. I am no: Cran. I hav itn non ev yur co:rn. I am a purr inosent Sterk, az yu ma si:—dhi most pjos and dutiful ev b:rdz. I enor and socor mi fadher and modher. I ——" Bot dhi Hozbandman cut him short. "Øl dhis ma bi tru: inof, I der se, bot dhis I no:, dhat I hav c:et yu widh dho:z hu: w:er destro:ing mi creps, and yu most sofer widh dhi company in which yu w:er takn."

XXXVIII.

DHI TU: PETS.

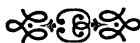
Tu: Pets, won ev ørthnwar, dhi odher ov bras, w:er caryd deun a river in a flod. Dhi Brazn Pet begd hiz companyon tu kip bi hiz sid, and hi wud protect him, "Thank yu fer yur øfer," sed dhi Ørthn-Pet, "bot dhat iz jost whet I am afred ev ; if yu wil ønly kip at a distans, I ma flot deun in safty ; bot shud wi com in c:ntact, I am sur tu bi dhi soferer."

XXXIX,

DHI BAG ØV GO:LD.

Tu: men set øf tu w:ek frøm Bath tu Yerk, and sed dha wud ich shar dhi sam fat, com whet mjt.

ðe went wel til dhe get haif we, when won ev
 dhem se, a bag ev gold in dhi paith, which hi tuk
 op. "Ha!" sed hi, "I am in loks we. Si, I hav
 feund a bag ev gold! I wil bi e hœrs and rid
 dhi rest ev mi we." "Mi frend," sed dhi man hu,
 went widh him, "When wi set outh yu told mi wi
 wœr tu sher dhi sem lok. bi it gud or bad; so, yu
 ert tu se 'wi' hav feund a bag ev gold, net 'I'."
 "Yu me think jost az yu pliz," sed dhi man, "bot
 az it wœz I hu, feund dhi gœld, I shal kip it, and
 du widh it az I sed, and wish yu gud de." Jost
 dhen dha hœrd e hu and cri ev "Stop thief!"
 "Com, I pre yu," sed dhi man (hu, held dhi bag),
 in a gret fritt; "Com, let os hjd in dhis wud, fer
 if dhi men fjd os widh dhi gold, dhe wil tak os
 fer thi:vz, and wi shal get hong fer it." "Heu
 nœw?" sed hiz frend; "yu swœr it shud bi 'I'
 when yu feund dhi bag, so, pre let it bi 'I' az leng
 az dher iz fir ev theft."



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EXPLANATION.

The purpose of this publication is to awaken attention to the Spelling Reform movement, and also to shew the application of the "English Demotic Alphabet."

The first three Fables are spelled in the ordinary manner, only introducing the five new letters *a*, *i*, *o*, *e*, *u* where these sounds occur; e. g. in *came*, *dîe*, *sîr*, *not*, *sure*.

In the next three Fables, besides the introduction of the above new letters, the recommendations of the Spelling Reform Association have been carried out, by the following rules, viz :

1. Omit *a* from the digraph *ea*, when pronounced as *e* short, as in *hed*, *helth*, etc.
2. Omit silent *e* after a short vowel, as in *hav*, *giv*, etc.
3. Write *f* for *ph* in such words as *alfabet*, *fantom*, etc.
4. When a word ends with a double letter, omit the last as in *shal*, *clif*, *eg*, etc.
5. Change *ed* final, to *t*, where it has the sound of *t*, as in *lasht*, *imprest*, etc.

In the remaining Fables the pronunciation, as given by Noah Webster, has been indicated by the "Demotic Alphabet," according to the rules given on the next page, except in Fables VII and VIII, in which the following words, viz : *the*, *this*, *that*, *with*, *be*, *do*, *to*, have retained their ordinary spelling.

See Rules for spelling Phonetically.

English Demotic Alphabet.

Each letter has the sound of the *italicised* letter or letters in the illustrative words.

A vowel with the sign "i" suffixed, is named *long*.

The digraphs must be considered single letters.

Letter.	Sound.	Name	Letter.	Sound.	Name.
A a	<i>am.</i>	Ah	Əi əi	<i>as in</i>	Oy
Ar ar	<i>calm.</i>	l. Ah	Əu əu	<i>owl.</i>	Ow
B b	<i>bet.</i>	Bee	O o	<i>ton.</i>	Oh
C c	<i>car.</i>	Kee	Or or	<i>tone.</i>	l. Oh
Ch ch	<i>char.</i>	Chay	P p	<i>pet.</i>	Pee
D d	<i>die.</i>	Dee	Qu qu	<i>quit.</i>	Koo
Dh dh	<i>thy.</i>	Dhee	R r	<i>role.</i>	Er
E e	<i>ell.</i>	Eh	S s	<i>seal.</i>	Es
* E a	<i>ale.</i>	l. Eh	Sh sh	<i>shield.</i>	Shee
* Ə ə	<i>bird.</i>	Ə	T t	<i>tie.</i>	Tee
F f	<i>fine.</i>	Ef	Th th	<i>thigh.</i>	Thee
G g	<i>gale.</i>	Gay	U u	<i>full.</i>	Oo
H h	<i>hale.</i>	Hay	U i u i	<i>fool.</i>	l. Oo
I i	<i>ill.</i>	Ee	* U u	<i>yule.</i>	Ewe
I i	<i>eel.</i>	l. Ee	V v	<i>wine.</i>	Vee
* İ i	<i>ice.</i>	Eye	W w	<i>wine.</i>	Way
J j	<i>jar.</i>	Jay	Wh wh	<i>whine.</i>	Whey
K k	<i>kale.</i>	Kay	X - ks	<i>box.</i>	Ex
L l	<i>let.</i>	El	Y y	<i>yet.</i>	Yay
M m	<i>met.</i>	Em	Z z	<i>zeal.</i>	Zee
N n	<i>net.</i>	En	Zh zh	<i>vision.</i>	Zhee
* Ə ə	<i>not.</i>	Au	i i	<i>Longus</i>	
Ər ər	<i>nought.</i>	l. Au	C - K	<i>as Calif = Kalif</i>	

* NEW LETTERS.

RULES FOR SPELLING PHONETICALLY.

1. Use no silent letters, nor double letters unless with a hyphen in compound words.

2. Retain the ordinary spelling of modern names of Persons and Places, and if not phonetical, underscore and print in *Italics*.

3. Use optionally *k* for *c*, *qu* for *kw*, *x* for *ks*, and in the end of words *y* for *i* short.

4. Spell according to the pronunciation given in any Standard Dictionary.

If Noah Webster's, represent his marked letters:

e, eh, ç, çh, ġ, ġ, s, th, n, x, ph,
by; c, k, s, sh, g, j, z, dh, n', gz, f,

ă, â, a,	by a.	A.	ă,	by a.	A.
ě, e,	" e.	E.	â, â, ê, e,	" a.	E.
ĭ, ĭ, i,	" i.	I.	ĭ, ě,	" i.	I.
ŏ, a,	" e.	Θ.	ô, a,	" e.	Θ.
ô, ŭ, o,	" o.	O.	ō, oa, oe,	" o.	O.
u, ōō, o,	" u.	U.	ū, ōō, o,	" u.	U.
î, û, ě,	" e.	Θ.			
ī, ŷ,	" i.	Ī.	ū,	" u.	Ū.
oy,	" ei.	Θi.	ow,	" eu.	Θu.

5. For inflection endings, this rule may serve :

After *p, t, c, k, f, th* use *s*, elsewhere *z* or *ez*.

After *p, s, c, k, f, sh, ch*, use *t*, elsewhere *d* or *ed*.

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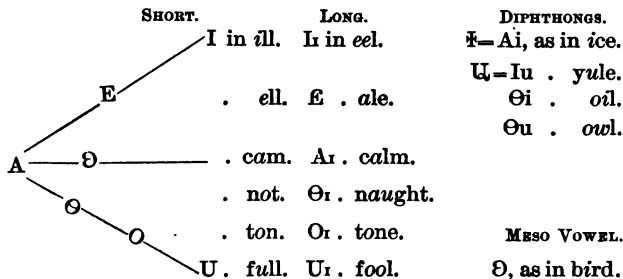
KEY FOR READER AND PRINTER.

Pronounce.		Print.	Pronounce.		Print
<i>A a</i>	as in	cam	A a	<i>Al a</i>	as in calm A ₁ a ₁
<i>E e</i>	"	ell	E e	<i>Al a</i>	" ale * E e
<i>I i</i>	"	ill	I i	<i>I i</i>	" eel I ₁ i ₁
<i>O o</i>	"	hot	* O o	<i>O o</i>	" haul O ₁ o ₁
<i>O o</i>	"	ton	O o	<i>O o</i>	" tone O ₁ o ₁
<i>U u</i>	"	full	U u	<i>U u</i>	" fool U ₁ u ₁
<i>O o</i>	"	bird	* O o		
<i>T t</i>	"	time	* T t	<i>U u</i>	" use * U u
<i>O i</i>	"	oil	O i	<i>O u</i>	" out O u

* NEW LETTERS.

DIAGRAM

Showing the relative position of the English Vowels.



I, is the highest close sound; A, the open; U, the lowest close sound.

O is pronounced in the attempt to blend E and O without uttering a diphthong. It is heard in earth, berth, mirth, worth, fur.

COMPARISON

OF THE

Ordinary and the Demotic Spelling.

THE ORDINARY.

By the phonetic alphabet a child may be taught the art of reading, not fluently but well, both in phonetic and in ordinary books, in three months—ay, often in twenty hours of thorough instruction;—a task which is rarely accomplished in three years of toil by the old alphabet. What father or teacher will not gladly hail and earnestly work for this great boon to education,—this powerful machine for diffusion of knowledge.

THE DEMOTIC.

(WEBSTER'S PRONONCIASHUN.)

Bj dhi fonetic alfabet a child ma bi tæd dhi art ev ridding, net fluently bot wel, both in fonetic and in ordinary buks, in thri months—ai, ofn in twenty eurz ev thoro instrocshon;—a task which iz rarly acemphisht in thri ylrz ev teil bj dhi old alfabet. Whet fadher er ticher wil net gladly hel and ørnestly work fer dhis græt bu:n tu educa-shon,—dhis pøuerful mashin fer dhi difuzhon ev nelej.

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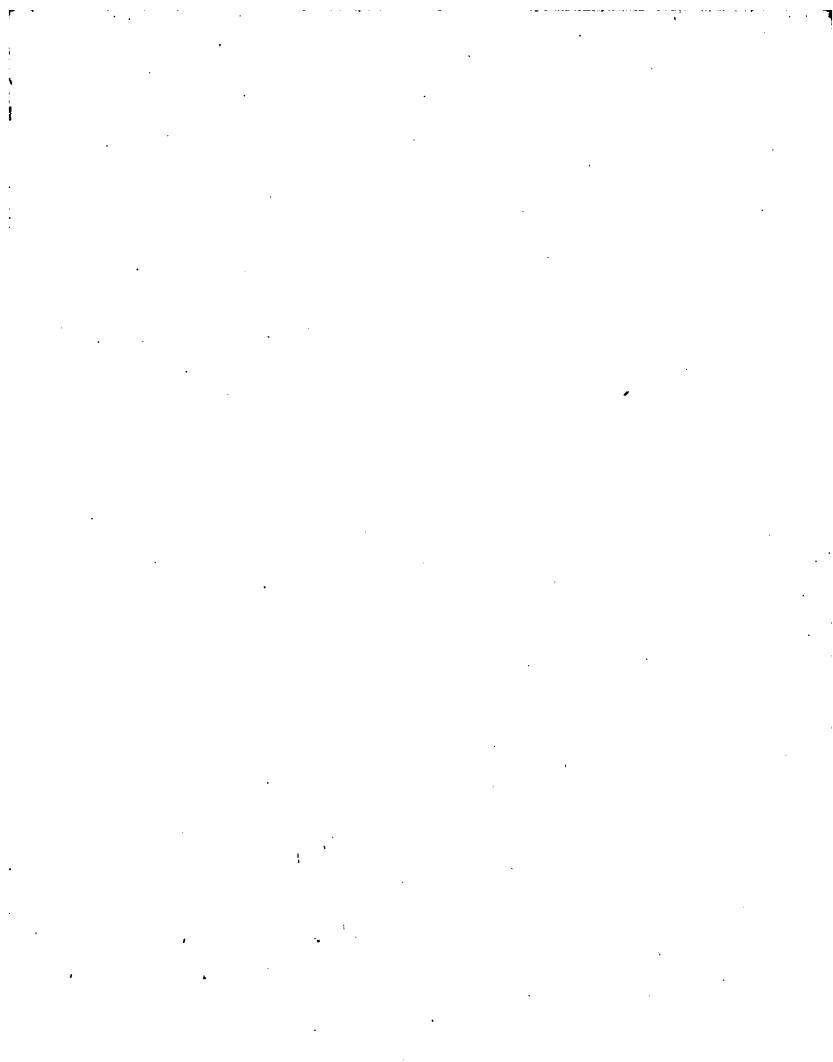
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